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WEATHER REPORT.

Cloudy Tonight and Friday;
Warmer.
High tides: 8:00 A. M., and
8:27 P. M.
Sun rises 5:59, sun sets 6:18.

PRICE, 2 CENTS

VOTE ON FREE TOLLS REPEAL

Ballot Will Show Strength
of Factions in Great
Contest.

THREE DAYS' DEBATE.

Much Interest Manifested in Outcome
of Present Struggle Over Wilson's
Recommendation.

Washington, March 26.—With
the opposing factions contesting ev-
ery inch of ground, the House is
scheduled today to begin the battle
over President Wilson's proposal to
repeal the tolls exemption clause of
the Panama Canal act. A bitter and
protracted debate, of probably three
days, is expected.

The House met at 11 o'clock, an
hour earlier than usual, to rush to
final passage the rivers and harbors
bill, which has been delaying the
tolls controversy. There was a gen-
eral understanding that the repeal
bill would take the right of way
early in the afternoon, and Con-
gressman Adamson, chairman of the
Committee on Interstate and For-
eign Commerce, was ready to fur-
ther the adoption of a special rule
making the repeal in order.

This rule was reported by the
Rules Committee. It gives privileged
status to the repeal measure, intro-
duced by Congressman Sims, of
Tennessee, and provides that a vote
on repeal shall be had after fifteen
hours of debate. No opportunity to
amend the repeal bill is proposed.

The preliminary skirmish occurs
on the rule proper, and the vote
thereon will be a fairly accurate test
of the strength of those opposing
and defending the Administration's
program. Members of the Rules
Committee indicated today that,
while unwilling to extend the fif-
teen-hour limit of debate on the re-
peal proposal, they are willing to
grant more than the customary forty
minutes on the adoption of the
rule. A longer time to discuss the
rule, which is indirectly the repeal
proposition, will give many mem-
bers a chance to get in short
speeches on the tolls controversy, un-
der the guise of discussing the rule.
The line-up for and against repeal
promises a spectacular debate in
the House, the intensity of the fight
increasing as the vote nears. It is
probable the final vote will come
late Saturday.

Partisans in the House who have
heretofore opposed one another on
practically every important ques-
tion, were found fighting under the
same banner today. There was no
dividing line between parties, as on
the tariff, or other Administration
policies. Strong and resourceful
Democrats were outspoken against
the President, and other strong and
resourceful Democrats were with
the Chief Executive. The Republi-
cans were split, with the majority
however, apparently against the re-
peal. The Progressives, according
to Leader Murdock, will vote almost
solidly against the Administration
repeal plan.

JOKE MAY COST MAN MIND.

Boys Turn Soot and Gravel-Filled
Hose in His Face.

Cumberland, Md., March 26.—James
C. Cutter, a machinist, of Terra Alta,
Va., was taken to Sylvan Retreat In-
sane Asylum yesterday, having been
made at least temporarily insane by
a practical joke two weeks ago. While
seated asleep in a chair near a stove
in the old Baltimore and Ohio Rail-
road round house, waiting to ask for
work, it is alleged several boy em-
ployees filled the cock on an air hose
with engine soot and fine gravel, and
then aimed it at Cutter's face, turn-
ing on the air and ran.

The soot and gravel struck him full
in the face and his eyes when he open-
ed them wide as he suddenly awak-
ened. Tuesday, crazed with pain, he
escaped from the hospital and ran
away clothed only in a nightshirt. He
fell exhausted on the street and was
taken back to the hospital.

PUTS IN ELECTRIC SIGNALS.

Automatic Block to be Installed on
Double Track Lines of Southern

President Fairfax Harrison an-
nounces that the Southern Railway
will proceed immediately to install
automatic electric block signals on
150 miles of double track including
the following lines: Amherst to Whit-
tles, Va., 57.3 miles; Atlanta to New
Hollow, Ga., 53.46 miles; Howell
(Atlanta) to Austell, Ga., 15.5 miles;
Citico (Chattanooga) to Ocoletewah
Tenn., 13.4 miles, and Danville, Va.,
to Pelham, N. C., 9.3 miles.

The signals will be of the modern
upper quadrant, three position type,
now in use on the Southern between
Charlotte and Greensboro, N. C., and
being placed between Alexandria and
Orange, Va., and between Knoxville
and Morristown, Tenn. In addition to
providing every possible feature of
safety in train operation, this system
greatly increases the traffic capacity
of the lines so equipped.

With the completion of electric sig-
nal systems on these lines, the South-
ern will have practically all its dou-
ble track lines with this modern fac-
ility. On the lines for which signal
installation has just been authorized,
120 miles are on the line between
Washington and Atlanta while the
remaining thirty miles are important
traffic throats west of Atlanta and
east of Chattanooga.

EXPLOSION ON SCHOONER.

All Members of Crew on Maui Believed
to Have Been Lost.

Honolulu, March 26.—The entire
crew of the inter-island steam-schooner
Meui, is believed to have gone down
with the vessel when she blew up in
Pearl harbor last night. A search
was being made for the survivors to-
day, but no trace was found of any
of the crew, which is believed to have
numbered at least thirty.

The Maui left here with a cargo of
explosives. Prof Port Kahmehamena
it appeared that the vessel was ablaze,
and then a terrific explosion was
heard. The vessel blew up and sank
immediately. The Maui's boilers are
believed to have exploded.

The Maui was built in San Fran-
cisco in 1898. She was a steel schooner
of 631 tons, and was used in island
trade.

TAKEN AS A TRAIN ROBBER.

Prisoner Had Bank Books Showing
Deposits of \$24,000.

Greenville, S. C., March 26.—John
Radellie, was arrested by detectives
near here yesterday in connection
with the robbery of a Queen and
Crescent Express and mail train
near Birmingham, Ala., on February
19. He denied knowledge of the
crime, but bank books showing de-
posits of \$24,000 to his credit in
Greenville and Atlanta banks were
found among the prisoner's effects,
according to the detectives.

Two men recently were arrested
in Atlanta charged with connec-
tion with the robbery, which is said
to have netted three bandits in the
neighborhood.

Russian Editor Jailed.

St. Petersburg, March 26.—Fines
amounting to \$69,825 were imposed
upon 374 newspapers and other peri-
odicals, 226 issues were confiscated,
63 editors were imprisoned, and 20
newspapers were compelled to cease
publication in Russia in the last year,
according to an official report made
public recently. The governor of Kiev
was particularly active in prosecuting
the press, largely on account of the
Beilis case, having fined 41 news-
papers to the amount of \$5,062, con-
fiscated five issues, and imprisoned 14
editors.

An instance of the severity of the
censorship was the confiscation of a
recent issue of a paper at Rostov-on-
Don for publishing a telegram from
Vienna stating that it was rumored
that the heir to the Serbian throne
had arrived in St. Petersburg on a
visit.

NOTICE.

There will be a meeting of the
Parent-Teacher Association of the
Alexandria City Public Schools, at
the Westminster Building on Friday,
March 27th, 1914, at 7:30 p. m. All
parents and guardians who have
children in the schools, are request-
ed to attend.

CONRAD JOHNSON,
Temporary Secretary.

MUTINY IN ULSTER LAID TO BLUNDER

British War Secretary Re-
signs, Assuming All the
Blame.

BUT IS REINSTATED.

Stormy Scenes in House of Commons
—Debate Bitter—Churchill Earns
Rebuke From Speaker.

London, March 26.—A conference
of practically all the general officers
of the army in England is in pro-
gress at the War Office today. The
purpose of the conference was not
stated, but in Dublin, General Gough
declared the officers would hold the
war council to its promises.

The atmosphere was far from
cleared today. The question was
still, "Shall the army rule Eng-
land?"

The general impression is that
Premier Asquith's belated repudia-
tion of the "Gough treaty" in the
commons yesterday, only temporari-
ly averts the downfall of his cabi-
net.

Many liberals regard the retention
of Colonel Seely as war minister as
a most serious blunder. The premier
repudiated his temporizing with
the officers stationed in Ireland, but
by failing to accept Colonel Seely's
resignation, it is believed Asquith
placed the government in a position
from which it will not be able to
emerge without disruption.

The resignations of Field Marshall
Sir John French and General Ewart
are momentarily expected. They are
said to be incensed at the temporizing
and the withdrawal of the promises
given the officers. The action is re-
garded as conducive to anything but
good discipline.

It is declared that the officers of
the Irish commons will never con-
sent to fight Ulster.

London, March 26.—The govern-
ment has published its promised state-
ment of its dealings with the revolt-
ing officers of the Third Cavalry Bri-
gade, and the House of Commons
held another heated and disorderly
session.

Between the documents presented
and the various statements drawn
from the Cabinet of Ministers, the
vital facts of the affair were made
clear. They reveal a comedy or trag-
edy, of errors perpetrated by Colonel
Seely, Secretary of State for War, and
Sir Arthur Paget, commanding the
troops in Ireland.

Colonel Seely took all the blame
upon his own shoulders. He frankly
declared that he had made a great
mistake. His written assurance to
Gen. Herbert Gough that the govern-
ment "must retain its rights to use
all the force of the Crown in Ireland
or elsewhere to maintain order and
support the civil powers in the ordi-
nary execution of their duty, but has
no intention whatever of taking ad-
vantage of this right in order to crush
political opposition to the policy or
principles of the Home Rule bill," was
given without the knowledge of the
Cabinet, and contrary to its policy.

The War Secretary tendered his
resignation to Mr. Asquith, but the
premier refused to accept it. The
government has withdrawn Colonel
Seely's guarantee, according to the
statements made by Viscount Morley
in the House of Lords, and Sir Ed-
ward Grey told the House of Com-
mons that the government's decision
would be made known to General
Gough tomorrow. Thus the situation
with respects to General Gough and
his 59 comrades who sent in their pa-
pers is still in a state of suspense.

The most important revelations of
the day were to the effect that the
government did plan an important
military and naval demonstration
upon Ulster. Winston Spencer
Churchill, First Lord of the Admir-
alty, confirmed the reports that he had
ordered the Third battle squadron and
a torpedo flotilla to Irish waters, but
explained that when the military ar-
rangements had been successfully car-
ried out he countermanded the orders
by wireless—an explanation which the
Unionists received with jeers.

The blunder General Paget made

WOULD ISSUE BONDS.

People of Alexandria County Clam-
or for Public Improvements.

Two hundred men assembled last
night in the Alexandria County
Courthouse at a mass meeting at-
tended by delegates from virtually
all of the county's business and civic
associations and declared that the
county should issue bonds.

A better water system, more
schools, better gas service, and low-
er rates were asserted by the various
speakers to be the most urgent
needs of the county. That the bond
issue should be favorably voted
upon it, was explained, has long
been recognized by the county's pop-
ulation, and the thing to determine
now is, "Who shall spend the money
and how shall it be spent?"

Another mass meeting is to be
held next Monday night in the
courthouse. State Senator R. E.
Thornton, of Fairfax; Delegate J.
Fred Birrell, of Alexandria, and
Representative C. C. Carlin are ex-
pected to speak.

Meanwhile a committee appointed
last night will endeavor to gather
all the associations in the county un-
der the banner of the Alexandria
County Service Association in the
campaign for the bond issue and the
improvements. The committee is
composed of W. W. Malone, presi-
dent of the organization; E. L. Ben-
nett, secretary; Lloyd Everett, W.
K. Handy, J. T. Manning, and J. S.
Swindell.

Speeches were made last night by
Messrs. Handy, Swindell, Bennett,
Manning, C. H. Greathouse, and
French T. Marye, the latter repre-
senting the Park Lane Citizens' As-
sociation.

BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS.

Proposals Will be Opened at Fair-
fax Court House on the 7th
Proximo.

Bids will be opened at Fairfax
Court House on April 7th for the im-
provement of 32 miles of road in
Fairfax county south and west of
Alexandria. Thirteen miles will be
post roads built under the supervi-
sion of the United States government
and the balance will be built
by the county under the direction of
the State Highway Commission.
The roads to be improved are as
follows: Alexandria to Pohick, via
Gum Springs, 13 miles; Alexandria
to Accotink, 9 miles; Gum Springs
river road, 5 miles, and Pike branch
road beyond Franconia, 6 miles.
The total cost of the construction
will be \$116,000.

DEATH OF "BOB."

"Bob," the huge specimen of the fel-
ine race, belonging to Captain George
Young, is dead. "Bob" had many ac-
quaintances, as nearly everybody who
entered Captain Young's store had
something pleasant to say to the Gri-
malkin. Unlike most of his genus,
"Bob" was not a catawauler, and was
never known to disturb the slumbers
of the genus homo; hence he was not
a target for bootjacks, brushes, etc.,
during the hour when graveyards are
said to yawn. He passed most of his
time in taking naps, or rubbing
against his acquaintances at his own-
er's place of business. "Bob" was not
of the ordinary breed of felines. His
progenitors came from the Isle of
man, and was known as a Manx cat,
which have abbreviated caudal ap-
pendages. "Bob" had merely a sus-
picion of that member.

IN MEMORIAM.

In loving remembrance of my dear
son, HARRY B. HUDSON, who
departed this life two years ago
today March 26, 1912.
Gone but not forgotten, Mother.

DEATH NOTICE.

Died on March 25, 1914 at the resi-
dence of Mrs. John H. Watkins, 1011
King street, THOMAS STANLEY
EVANS, of East Orange, New Jer-
sey, in the 54th year of his age.
Funeral at the residence, Friday,
March 27, at 4:00 P. M. Interment
private.

appears to have been in giving a
practical ultimatum to the officers of
the cavalry brigade, to say whether
they would take active service in Ul-
ster or accept dismissal. Colonel
Seely freely admits that his error was
in yielding to General Gough's de-
mand for a written assurance that the
army would not be used to suppress
the covanants.

VILLA FORCED OUT OF GOMEZ PALACIO

Federals Show Strength by
Recapturing Town From
Rebels.

TERRIBLE SETBACK.

Huerta Claims to Have Enemy Sur-
rounded and Promises to Recoup
His Losses in Past.

Juarez, March 26.—A message re-
ceived from the constitutional army
attacking Torreón, states that a fed-
eral movement in force against the
center of Villa's rebel army resulted
in the recapture of Gomez Palacio
and the repulse of 3,000 rebels at El
Virjel, six miles north, General
Villa, however, said he had Gomez
Palacio surrounded and would re-
take the suburb. He ordered 5,000
ham-grenades and more ammunition
rushed to him at once in order to re-
new the fighting.

The rebel repulse is believed to
have been inflicted by the fresh troops
which have been rushed to Torreón
from Mexico City. The attack on Go-
mez Palacio has not interfered with
the fighting by Benavides on the left
wing, and his men still are pounding
away at the steel cars which are be-
ing used as breastworks by the Fed-
erals inside of the town. Two-thirds
of the rebel army has been fighting on
the left wing, and only a small third
of the total force participated in the
first defeat of the campaign, the re-
capture of Gomez Palacio and the
railroad roundhouse by the Federals,
who marched across Nazas river in the
face of a heavy rifle and machine
gun fire, attacked and retook the lit-
tle town, which hovers against a hill
to the northwest of Torreón.

Villa's order for retreat was the
first he had given since he retreated
from Chihuahua after he had been
given a decisive defeat by the Fed-
erals within that town. He withdrew
to El Verjel to reorganize his attack,
and sent his men back to the fight late
this evening. Gomez Palacio is not
of especial importance in itself, but
it commands the approach to torreón
from the north and would permit the
Federals to execute a flanking move-
ment against the main command of
rebels unless it be retaken.

Two hundred Federals are said to
have paid the price of victory late
yesterday evening, when they were ex-
ecuted by rebels after they had been
hustled back to the rear when the re-
new attack of the rebels on Torreón
started. The Federals had been sent
out to repulse the Zaragoza brigade
in its attacks on Cerecens, the poor
quarter of Torreón, after the general
attack on the town was renewed,
and were surrounded and captured.

The two separate engagements of
the day divided the attacking army of
Villa into two columns. One, under
his personal command and with Gen-
eral Torbio Ortega directing the
frontal attack, was fighting around
Gomez Palacio, retreating slowly and
stubbornly before the slate-colored
soldiers of Huerta, who shuffled
over the remaining spans of the rail-
road bridge and under cover of the
machine guns and artillery on the
Sierra De La Pelar. The attack came
from the south and southwest, where
Villa's forces were least expecting it,
and had the federals followed up their
victory, they could have flanked and
captured many of the rebels.

El Paso, March 26.—Miguel Die-
bold, of the Mexican Federal consular
service, said that he had been offi-
cially informed that the rebels were
repulsed with heavy loss at Torreón,
and that some of them were driven
back 20 miles. Other advices from
the front were trified in character,
but, out of the medley, schooled ob-
servers here drew the conclusion that
the rebels met at Torreón and Go-
mez Palacio an enemy in no wise in-
ferior, and that their attack had
been checked at the outset of the bat-
tle proper.

DIED—Suddenly, Wednesday even-
ing, March 25, JAMES A. JAVINS,
aged 94 years and 10 days. Funer-
al from his late home, 112 North
Pitt street, Friday, March 27, at
4 o'clock. Friends invited to at-
tend.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

In Police Court this morning
Blanche Parker was fined \$10 for
disorderly conduct, John Josyn and
Jennie Payne \$20 each for disorderly
conduct.

Bishop Garland, suffragan bishop
of Pennsylvania, confirmed a class
last night at St. Paul's Church. To-
night he will confirm a class at
Grace Church.

Creditors of the B. F. Board Mo-
tor Truck Company in bankruptcy
will in a few days receive a
payment of forty per cent on the
amount of their claims, W. H.
Gaines, deputy United States clerk
having in his hands \$9,463.79 for
distribution among those whom the
company owes.

Walter M. Donnelly, secretary of
Alexandria Lodge of Elks, has re-
ceived the membership cards for
1914 and are now issuing them to
the members.

Bishop Garland, of Philadelphia,
will preach and confirm in Grace
Church tonight at 7:30.

MAY LOSE JOBS AT NAVY YARD.

Defeat of Bill For Two Superdread-
naughts Would Cause Deep
Cut in Force.

Eight hundred or more men, one-
third of the force now employed at
the Washington Navy Yard, would be
forced out of work by July 1, should
Congress fail to pass the pending bill
providing for two superdreadnaughts.
If Congress should provide for only
one big battleship about half that
number of mechanics would lose their
places. Should there be delay in the
enactment of this legislation fur-
loughs would have to be given to a
large part of the working force pend-
ing the assembly of material for guns
to be made for the armament of the
warships.

The prospective dismissal of 100
men about April 1, to put the navy
yard on a normal working basis, was
estimated with the expectation of
making guns for two dreadnaughts.
Extensive reductions in the force
would be made necessary should there
be failure of legislation, or the pro-
vision be cut to one battleship. As-
sembly of material for gun-making
cannot be accomplished without some
time being allowed to the foundries
and contractors to make castings and
other parts.

INDIAN GUARDS FAIR.

Tonight will be of a gala nature at
the American Indian Guards fair, in
Odd Fellows Hall. The Canton Alex-
andria, I. O. O. F., will be out in large
numbers and give an exhibition drill.
They will be escorted from Armory
Hall by the Indian Guards at 8:15
o'clock to the fair hall. It is also ex-
pected that a large delegation of the
members from the Order of Fraternal
Americans will be in attendance
this evening. Tomorrow night the
Maccabees will attend in a body.

LEFT \$295,000 TO CHARITY.

Widow of Philanthropist Generous
to Church and Relief Work.

Cincinnati, March 26.—Two hun-
dred and ninety-five thousand dollars
is left to charities and churches by
the will of Mrs. Francesa N. Gam-
ble, widow of the late James N.
Gamble, philanthropist, filed for prob-
ate here yesterday.

Christ Hospital and the Methodist
Union of Cincinnati, the Methodist
Board of Foreign Missions, the
Methodist Missionary Society, the
Methodist Woman Foreign Missions
Society, the Methodist Church
Corporation and the German Wal-
lace College of Berea, O., are in-
cluded in the bequests. Eighty-five
thousand dollars in cash is distrib-
uted among near relatives, as well
as a large amount of real estate.

"FISH."

G. W. Francis will have
for sale in the market to-
morrow, Potomac herring
and shad, black bass, rock
fish, white and yellow perch,
flounders, trout and halibut,
Norfolk Oysters shucked at
stand. Phones, Bell 735,
Home, 149.

GOVERNOR SIGNS PRIMARY BILL

New Law Will Not Take
Effect Until January
1st, 1915.

MONEY FOR LAWYERS.

Among Measures Approved is Bill
Allowing Reversionary Interest to
County in Poor House Lot.

Richmond, Va., March 26.—Fifty
acts of the recent General Assembly
were signed by Governor Stuart yester-
day. These include the chairpracti-
ce act, the lime grinders bill, in-
crease in pay of jurors, the primary
election law, and provisions for pay-
ment of special allowances aggregat-
ing \$16,400 to the attorneys appointed
by the former governor to prosecute
in the Allen cases. The Governor still
has on his desk a number of enrolled
bills passed by the General Assembly,
into which he is making careful study.
He has ten days from the final ad-
journment on March 20 in which to
dispose of these matters.

The new primary act contains a
special clause providing that it shall
go into effect on January 1, 1915.
As a result, therefore, the new pro-
visions will not apply to the spring
primary in Richmond for Mayor and
City Council, the summer primary in
Richmond for the Administrative
Board, or to primaries in different
sections of the State for members of
Congress prior to the November gen-
eral election. In all such cases the
act of 1912 will apply, with such
supplementary regulations as will
make that almost incoherent law in-
telligible.

The act in regard to the attorneys
employed by Governor Mann in the
Allen cases, as finally adopted, car-
ries \$4,000 each to J. C. Wyser, John
S. Draper, and W. S. Poague; \$2,000
to S. Floyd Landreth and \$1,200 to
W. W. Cox, and S. F. Cocke.

Among the bills signed by the Gov-
ernor was senate bill 366 which grants
to the county of Alexandria revision-
ary interest of Commonwealth in
poorhouse lot.

BOY ENJOYED PISTOL BATTLE.

Says he Wasn't Scared in Fight
With Police.

Terre Haute, Ind., March 26.—
"Shucks, no, I wasn't scared," said
15-year-old Ernest McWilliams, who
engaged the police in a gun battle
yesterday, when seen at the hospital
yesterday. The boy received a num-
ber of wounds, but none of them is
considered fatal.

"I went into Ed. Tetzels gun store
three weeks ago and asked for a
job. The old geezer threatened to
kick me out of the store and I told
him I would get even, I guess I did,
when you figure up the broken win-
dow glass and the damage done by
the policemen's bullets, not to men-
tion the ammunition I wasted.

"I didn't go into the store to steal
anything and I didn't try to wound
the police every time I fired. The
only times I didn't shoot over their
heads was when one would hit me
with a bullet and I got peeved. Then
I would try to lay a copper out.

"Oh, I had a great time until that
wound in my leg bled so much that
I began to get dizzy and then I gave
up.

"The whole thing was just as I
planned it after a moving picture
film showing two boys firing on the
police when caught in a store, only
I didn't intend to get hit."

McWilliams said he came here
from Poplar Bluff, Mo.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the stock-
holders of the Great Falls Power
Company, for the election of direc-
tors and the transaction of such other
business as may properly come before
said meeting will be held at the office
of C. C. Carlin, No. 107 North Fair-
fax street, Alexandria, Va., on Thurs-
day, April 2, 1914, at 12 o'clock,
noon.
S. R. BOWEN,
Secretary.